

What is claimed is:

1. A system supporting patient access to medical information of said patient, comprising:

5 an interface processor for receiving patient identification information;
 a database linking a patient identifier derived using said patient identification information, with prescription information identifying a medication for said patient; and

10 a data processor for accessing said database to retrieve said prescription information; and

 a display processor for initiating generation of data representing an image including said prescription information, in response to said received patient identification information and a request by said patient to access said prescription.

15 2. A system according to claim 1, wherein
 said database links said patient identifier with order fulfillment data indicating completion of preparation of said prescription,
 said data processor accesses said database to retrieve said prescription order fulfillment data; and

20 said display processor initiates generation of data representing an image including said order fulfillment data.

25 3. A system according to claim 1, wherein
 said database comprises a plurality of databases.

30 4. A system according to claim 1, including
 an acquisition processor for acquiring healthcare insurance plan information concerning at least one of, (a) medications approved under a healthcare insurance plan and (b) cost of medications approved under a healthcare insurance plan, said healthcare insurance plan being provided by a healthcare payer organization and

 said display processor initiates generation of data representing an image including said healthcare insurance plan information.

5 5. A system according to claim 1, including
 an acquisition processor for acquiring financial information
 comprising patient incurred costs of obtaining said prescription and
 said display processor initiates generation of data representing an
5 image including said patient incurred costs of obtaining said prescription.

 6. A system according to claim 5, wherein
 said patient incurred costs of obtaining said prescription are
 automatically pre-populated into a form supporting at least one of, (a) reimbursement
10 for said costs and (b) tax determination.

 7. A system according to claim 1, including
 a biometric identification device for validating patient identification.

15 8. A system according to claim 1, wherein
 said database links said patient identifier with a scheduled appointment
 for said patient to obtain healthcare services; and
 said data processor accesses said database to determine said patient is
 scheduled for said appointment and for validating patient eligibility for said
20 healthcare services under a healthcare plan and initiating generation of a message to a
 healthcare worker indicating said patient is admitted for said scheduled appointment,
 in response to said received patient identification information.

 9. A system according to claim 1, including
25 an access processor for initiating at least one of, (a) printing of said
 prescription information and (b) download of said prescription information, in
 response to a request by said patient.

10. A system supporting patient self service admission to a healthcare provider organization to obtain healthcare services, comprising:

an interface processor for receiving patient identification information;

5 a database linking a patient identifier, derived using said patient identification information, with a scheduled appointment to obtain healthcare services; and

a data processor for accessing said database to determine said patient is scheduled for said appointment and for validating patient eligibility for said healthcare services under a healthcare plan and initiating generation of a message to a
10 healthcare worker indicating said patient is admitted for said scheduled appointment, in response to said received patient identification information.

11. A system according to claim 10, including

15 a repository for linking said patient identifier with prescription information identifying a medication for said patient; and

a display processor for initiating generation of data representing an image including said prescription information retrieved from said repository, in response to a request by said patient to access said prescription.

20 12. A system according to claim 10, wherein said database includes said repository.

13. A system according to claim 10, wherein

25 said interface processor acquires said patient identification information from a card reader device reading a patient specific electronic identification card.

14. A system according to claim 10, wherein

30 said interface processor initiates presentation of a form to a user via an image display for capturing patient entered information, said form including pre-populated patient specific information.

15. A system according to claim 10, wherein

said data processor automatically initiates processing of referral information provided by a patient physician to support said scheduled visit.

16. A system according to claim 10, including
a communication processor providing bidirectional communication via
a network between said data processor and a patient record system and a scheduling
5 system.

17. A system according to claim 16, wherein
said communication processor provides said bidirectional
communication using HealthLevel 7 (HL7) protocol.

18. A system according to claim 10, wherein
said database and said repository comprise at least one of, (a) the same
repository and (b) a plurality of different repositories.

19. A system according to claim 10, including
a biometric identification device for validating patient identification.

20. A system supporting patient self service admission to a healthcare
provider organization to obtain healthcare services, comprising:

an interface processor for receiving patient identification information;
at least one database linking a patient identifier, derived using said
patient identification information, with a scheduled appointment to obtain healthcare
services and with prescription information identifying a medication for said patient;

a data processor for accessing said at least one database to determine
said patient is scheduled for said appointment and initiating generation of a message
to a healthcare worker indicating said patient is admitted for said scheduled
appointment, in response to said received patient identification information; and

a display processor for initiating generation of data representing an
image including said prescription information retrieved from said repository, in
response to a request by said patient to access said prescription.

21. A system according to claim 20, wherein
said at least one database links said patient identifier with order
fulfillment data indicating completion of preparation of said prescription,
5 said data processor accesses said database to retrieve said prescription
order fulfillment data; and
 said display processor initiates generation of data representing an
image including said order fulfillment data.

10 22. A method supporting patient access to medical information of said
patient, comprising the activities of:
 receiving patient identification information;
 associating a patient identifier derived using said patient identification
information, with prescription information identifying a medication for said patient;
15 and
 accessing said database to retrieve said prescription information; and
 initiating generation of data representing an image including said
prescription information, in response to said received patient identification
information and a request by said patient to access said prescription.

20 23. A method supporting patient self service admission to a healthcare
provider organization to obtain healthcare services, comprising the activities of:
 receiving patient identification information;
 associating a patient identifier, derived using said patient identification
25 information, with a scheduled appointment to obtain healthcare services; and
 accessing said database to determine said patient is scheduled for said
appointment and for validating patient eligibility for said healthcare services under a
healthcare plan and initiating generation of a message to a healthcare worker
indicating said patient is admitted for said scheduled appointment, in response to said
30 received patient identification information.

24. A method supporting patient self service admission to a healthcare provider organization to obtain healthcare services, comprising the activities of:

receiving patient identification information;

5 associating a patient identifier, derived using said patient identification information, with a scheduled appointment to obtain healthcare services and with prescription information identifying a medication for said patient;

10 accessing said at least one database to determine said patient is scheduled for said appointment and initiating generation of a message to a healthcare worker indicating said patient is admitted for said scheduled appointment, in response to said received patient identification information; and

initiating generation of data representing an image including said prescription information retrieved from said repository, in response to a request by said patient to access said prescription.